



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

MARCH, 2017

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Have you ever done anything so dumb that you wondered if you had a brain in your little old head? Have you ever found yourself doing something that you know darned good and well is not going to have a good ending, but you do it anyway? Have you ever said to yourself, "Oh, this isn't a very good idea" and then proceeded to do it anyway? Have you ever looked back on a decision you made and then said "Where was my head"? But then you knew where your head was and it's real dark up there!

That is precisely the experience I had last week. It all started out so innocently. I was asked to be part of the Crisis Prevention Team at the hospital. This involves four full days of training to teach one how to listen carefully to others, to defuse volatile situations and even how to physically restrain people engaged in risky behavior without using pain or hurting them. It is a useful program and I learned a lot.

There are several statements that you must agree to and sign your name to in order to take the course. One of the tenets of the course is that you have to agree to not engage in any horseplay during the training exercises. I think you can already see where this could be a problem for a fellow like me.

I wasn't really disruptive or anything such as that in the class, but when we got to the physical restraints and controlling holds, I was ready to have a bit of fun. I was holding Chaplain James in a type of bear hug from behind and as he struggled to get loose, I simply lifted him off the ground and held him there with his feet dangling. That is when I felt something give way in my lower back. I began to have very sharp pain in that area and had real difficulty going from a sitting to a standing position. Now I am moving very gingerly and appear to be about 95 years old.

I knew right away that I had just done something dumb and I was immediately remorseful, but the damage was done. I thought to myself, "I wonder if this is how Adam and Eve felt right after they ate the forbidden fruit". There was no need for them to do what they did and they were specifically told not to do this one thing – and yet they did it. Just like me, they probably had no idea why they did what they did either.

Martin Luther knew all about this. He said that we are by nature "rebels against God". St. Paul recognized it too when he said that he often did not do the right that he wanted to do, but did the wrong that he did not want to do.

Thankfully, God knows who we are and still loves us, despite the dumb mistakes we make. Now all I have to do is forgive myself for my silliness.



We five little Lutheran Church mice like to go to Heaven's Wearhouse every once in a while. We came back to the church and had this wonderful talk about what happened on that Tuesday morning.

There was a lady who came in and looked for Marilyn. She told her that her mother had died that week and she needed clothes for her and her son for the funeral. Her son was to be a pall bearer for his grandmother. The volunteers found him a suit, tie, and shirt. His mother found some clothes for the viewing and the funeral. These folks only took what they needed for the funeral. Just before she was done, a man came in with a leather jacket coat which looked like new. The volunteers asked the lady if it would fit her son and the answer was yes.

Our talk that we had when all the mice were back at church was how God works every day and sometimes we have blinders on and we don't see him working. That Tuesday showed everyone that the Holy Spirit knew that son needed a warm coat for the funeral and he sent a man with only one item. A perfectly fit warm coat for the son.

Miracles happen everyday but

it's nice to see one happening in front of you.

**Squeaky,
The Lutheran Church Mouse**



BAPTISM

HAYES ROBERT HARMON

BORN: October 1, 2016

BAPTISM: February 19, 2017

Parents: Michael and Kaleen
Harmon

Sponsors: Liza Payton, Lorrie
Halverson, and Clint

Rissman

Grandparents: Pastor Kal and
Debbie Rissman, Pam Rissman

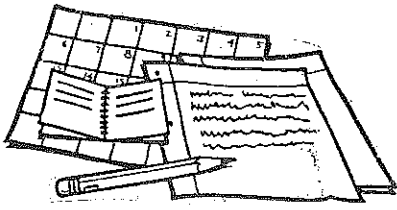
Great Grandmother: Vera Mercer



NOTICE

If you have a special dinner, baby shower, wedding shower, church dinner, etc. please make sure that **all the doors of the church are locked.**

We don't want to make it easy for people to get into the church on off hours of the day or night.



CHURCH COUNCIL FEBRUARY MEETING

The 20-year-old water heater was replaced for \$638.00. It is now a 40 gallon tank, up from 30 gallons.

If you shop at Payless or Kroger's stop at courtesy booth and ask how to have points go to our church.. Then every time you swipe your card the church will get credit and a monthly check.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be here and the Maundy Thursday Service will be at Elwood.

\$191.00 was donated to ERF from our Souper Bowl Sunday.

The new books and bookshelves will arrive February 18. You can see them in Sunday School Room #5.

We will have a breakfast Easter Sunday.

True love

There are times when the oath of true love does indeed run smooth. At a golden wedding celebration, the subject of reincarnation was mentioned. One of the children of the long-married couple asked her father, "If you could be reincarnated, what would you like to be?"

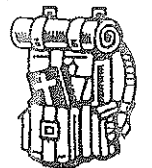
He replied without hesitation, "Your mother's next husband."

-Clergy Talk



SOUPE BOWL OF CARING

Thank you to our 'Souper Bowl of Caring' participants who contributed their time and talents for our worship service: Audrey Salazar, Kathie Loser, David Shears, Joann Saucedo, Dr. Herb Berner, and Eddie Slaven. With our door and dinner offering, our congregation donated \$191 and many food items to our Emergency Relief Fund, which is the Alexandria Food Pantry located in our old church basement area. Also, thank you to all who prepared for and cleaned up from the delicious soup and sandwich lunch served after the service.



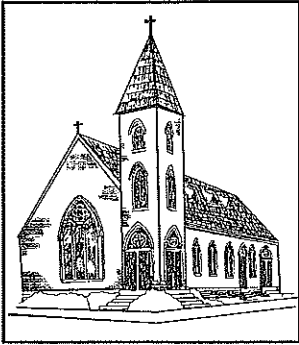
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It's time to think about Summer Church Camp through Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and I-K Synod! Information is available in the narthex reading material or lomik.org. We have Scholarship money designated in our funds to pay for any of our school age kids to attend. Contact Kim Zarse for more information.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service	2 1:00 pm Office Hours	3 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF	4
5 9:30am Sunday School/BC 10:30am Worship 11:30am Lunch	6 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF 11:30pm Free To Be 4:00pm Heavens W.	7 9:00am Heavens W. 1:00pm Office Hours	8 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF	9 1:00 pm Office Hours	10 9:00am Office Hours 9:30am ERF	11
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"I don't know all the Ten Commandments.
The only ones I remember are 'settle down,'
'act your age' and 'take that out of your mouth.'"

March Participants



ORGANIST

- 1 Marilyn Pierce
- 5 Marilyn Pierce
- 12 Marilyn Pierce
- 19 Marilyn Pierce
- 26 Marilyn Pierce

ASSISTING MINISTERS

- 1
- 5 Emily Closser
- 12 Dick Zarse
- 19 Peggy Cox
- 26 Andrea Barnett

GREETERS

- 5 Debbie Rissman
- 12 Becky Howard
- 19
- 26 Susie Remington

COUNTERS

- Linda Howerton/Susie Remington
- June Zirkle/Marilyn Pierce
- David Shears/Carol Shears
- Becky Howard/Timothy Pierce

LECTORS

- Eddie Slaven
 - Ron Haas
 - Linda Howerton
 - Nancy Sowers
- SOUND EQUIPMENT**
Timothy Pierce

ALTAR GUILD

- Beverly Stevens
- Janice Little

DEACON

- Becky Howard
- George Bennett
- June Zirkle
- Donna Key-Kerr